

Town of Weare Parks and Recreation

Meeting Minute November 8, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03PM

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Blouin, Gene Propper, Chuck Metcalf, Valerie King, Melissa Drury, Randy Magoon, Tom Desrosier, and Mike Housman (Coordinator)

PUBLIC COMMENT/FARMER'S MARKETS

- Nancy Filmore spoke to the Committee members about her plans to start another Farmer's Market in town that would be made up of 70% agricultural, 20% arts/crafts and 10% non-profit vendors, with Weare vendors taking preference. Her goal is to create a market that promotes community. She is requesting use of the Gazebo area green space. This is the 3rd request by farmer's market organizations for use of the green space on Fridays (Wendy Stevens and Penny Savage being the representatives of the other 2 groups.)
- Debbie Brown of Moody's Pond spoke to PARC to clarify that, despite comments by Nancy, she is not connected with any of the Farmers Markets in town.
- PARC will review and consider all requests for facility usage. Decision made that it may be best to meet with all 3 groups to discuss and come to agreements regarding use of the green space. The Committee may consider allowing multiple markets in the area if space allows. Mike will contact each group to request that each send a representative to the February meeting to discuss usage of the Gazebo area.

SKATE RINK

• Leveling an area will require the addition or removal of soil. Adding soil will take 4-5 truckloads at a cost of about \$850. The BOS does not want the grass to be disturbed. Tim (Highway) doesn't have any loam and the trucks have all been switched over to plows. The stakes marking the location have also been removed. The liner has been ordered (size=54' x 85'). The Committee members agreed that the rink can be located anywhere in the green space that is closest to level. Area required is 60'x90'.

Chuck made a motion to request CIP funds of up to \$1000 to be used for the purchase of loam to level and area by the Gazebo for the skating rink. Randy seconded the motion. 7-0-0. Motion carried.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- The lawn care pre-bid conference will be held on Saturday at 2pm at the Town Hall. The notice was published on 11-7-11. Attendance by bidders is required. The Committee members expressed concern that the short notice will result in a small number of bidders. Decision made that PARC will send a letter to the Town Administrator and BOS expressing these concerns.
- Everything is set with the Seniors to attend the Boy Scout event on November 13th.
- Fornier has winterized the irrigation systems at a cost of \$200 (for all fields)
- Cutting Blade fertilized the fields as requested for a cost of \$120. Mike will ask Tony Sawyer (JSG Football) if he plans to winterized and seed the football fields this spring.
- Chase Park water has been shut off and is all set for winter. Chuck double checked and all looked good.
- Mike to move paint currently at Bolton to a warmer location so it doesn't freeze.
- The tennis nets will be picked up this weekend. All dumpsters are in "hibernation" except for the one at Bolton. Same goes for the port-a-potties.
- Blue shade tarp still needs to be fixed at the Bolton playground.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

• Winterizing fields-We need accurate budget numbers before we can make any decisions about winterizing (fertilizing) the fields. Gene agreed to pick up 5 bags (1500 ft²) of Scott's Winterizer fertilizer at Walmart (cheapest price).

Chuck made a motion to spend up to \$400 to fertilize the Bolton football field. This will allow for the purchase of 5 bags (1500 ft2) fertilizer and have it spread by Cutting Blade (after football's last game). Seconded by Val. 7-0-0. Motion carried.

- Randy provided his estimate to replace the roof on the bathrooms at Chase Park (see handout). Price shows cost of framing (\$850), electrical (\$845) and metal (\$2,745) vs. asphalt (\$2,265). The price assumes we have space and an available electrical panel. Committee has tabled this decision for now.
- Decision to hold the Snowflake Festival earlier this year. Target date of January 28th.

MEETING ADJOURNED: ~8:30PM